

Briefly Told

General Ludendorff, who commanded more than 7,000,000 men in the German Armies during the war, is now a "buck private" in the Bavarian home guard.

San Salvador, smallest of the Central American States, is preparing for an influx of oil men owing to the discovery of petroleum near the eastern frontier.

The plan of a missionary to transplant a colony of Koreans to a tract of land in Alabama fell flat when the state commissioner of agriculture refused to welcome the scheme.

A great relief map of the world, showing all known physical conditions of the globe, is being prepared by the United States Shipping Board.

Premier Witos, of Poland, is a peasant who was put into the position as a figurehead when the Russian advance threatened Warsaw. He likes the job, however, and his shrewdness and keenness have caused the failure of several attempts to oust him.

General Pershing will be a member of the committee to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the death of Napoleon, May 5, 1921. Marshals Foch and Haig and General Diaz, of Italy, are the other members of the committee.

Texas has a new law aimed at preventing strikes in ports and railroad terminals and imposing heavy penalties for interference with workers during labor disturbances in these industries.

It is proposed that the commissioners of the District of Columbia be given permission to take part in congressional debates.

The 10 invaded and pillaged departments of France have produced this year 500,000 tons of wheat and one-fourth of the nation's oat crop.

More than 1,200 nuns in the Roman Catholic diocese of Newark, New Jersey, have registered to vote. They will cast the ballots under the names they bore before entering orders.

The battleships Iowa and Indiana, which cost millions of dollars to construct, are being used as targets for the big guns of the new fleet and the bombs of sea-planes.

Empowered to purchase \$20,000,000 worth of electrical equipment for new plants at Melbourne, Australia, a commissioner from that commonwealth has arrived in San Francisco.

An explorer and wealthy clubman of London with 40 followers is embarking on a cruise in search of an island in the South Seas where taxation is unknown.

Indians of the sheep country in California are buying automobiles, silken hose and other expensive products.

Acting upon the advice of scientists at the University of California, Chaulmoogra oil, which has arrested the progress of leprosy, will soon be used in the fight against tuberculosis.

The skeleton of a prehistoric animal believed to be over 200,000 years old was unearthed recently in Nebraska.

A sneeze means a great impending calamity to the Hindu mind. Whatever happens on the day that one hears a sneeze is sure to turn out ill, they say, and the Indian will enter upon no undertaking of importance on such a day.

A Canadian has perfected a process of tannage whereby rabbit fur is fastened firmly to the skin and the fiber toughened, which will open a source of almost unlimited supply for a new low-priced fur.

Notification of an increase in rent is not a legal notice if sent by mail in Chicago.

Over 5,000 mules and burros daily pass over the La Paz-Yungas road in Bolivia, which goes from La Paz up and over the Andes and down into the valley of the Unduavi.

The War Department has sold surplus property which originally cost over \$1,000,000,000, at a recovery of 63 per cent.

All of the unsurveyed mangrove islands in the Caloosahatchee River, Florida, have been designated as a new government bird reservation.

Two states of Northern Mexico, Sinaloa and Sonora, will return \$7,000,000 from the garbanzo (native bean) crop this year.

The average tax burden per capita per annum in France is now 420 francs.

Japan is planning to build 2,225 cars and engines, including 190 locomotives, 457 passenger cars, 50 electric cars and 1,528 freight cars.

The German Government has bought for cash 22,046,000 pounds of American lard at 24 cents a pound.

In 40 years the percentage of Kansas farms operated by tenants has more than doubled. More than 19 million acres of Kansas land is operated under lease.

Four million persons make returns under the Federal income tax.

The state of Oregon has been asked to appropriate \$50,000 to handle the attempts to evade the law by means of stills in various parts of that state.

Resources of the banks in the United States exceed the combined bank assets of all other leading nations, with \$53,000,000,000 assets in national and state banks, savings banks, trust companies and private banks.

Due to the fact that salmon are taken largely during the spawning season it is believed that this fish will soon be exterminated unless artificial propagation is resorted to.

The wife of a rancher on the Columbia River in British Columbia last year cleared \$1,800 trapping with 60 traps.

Farmers of certain sections of Iowa will burn corn instead of coal this winter, a ton of corn having a smaller market value than a ton of coal.

Charlotte, North Carolina, requires a \$500 bond to be put up by every taxicab driver in the city. This bond will be forfeited automatically for a violation of the prohibition or vice laws.

Sir Charles Renaud, a black fox used for breeding purposes, is valued at \$18,000.

Java furnishes the larger part of the world's supply of quinine.

Sylvia Pankhurst, whose suffrage activities in England caused her to serve many days in prison, is in jail again, this time on a charge of publishing seditious literature.

Every house in the city of Dawson, Yukon Territory, has been stocked up with caribou meat for the winter, and it is estimated there are at least 30,000 of the animals running at large in the vicinity.

General Alvaro Obregon, president-elect of Mexico, has been the guest of several states of the Southwest during October. He has returned to Mexico confident of early recognition by the United States.

One hundred and fifty-four thousand seven hundred vehicles enter and leave New York City daily.

King Alexander, of Greece, who died from the bite of a monkey, was placed on the throne without his subjects being consulted, and much against his own wishes. He married a girl who was not of the royalty or nobility.

The British bark Manrewi, laden with gasoline from San Francisco to New Zealand, is equipped with a wireless telephone, the first sailing vessel ever to be so equipped.

The schooner Bertie Minor, known as the "ocean hobo" has returned to San Francisco, her home port, after an absence of 15 months during which 40,000 miles were covered. So numerous are the South Sea Islands that the skipper spent four months locating a newly established sugar station in the Fijis.

Discovery of a race of pygmies, averaging only four feet in height, is reported by an explorer who returned from Central Africa. The tribe is called the Mambuti and they are known as daring hunters of elephants and rhinoceroses.

A duck that is quackless is being imported into the United States to take its place with the seedless watermelon and the puckerless persimmon. It is known as the muscovy, comes from Russia, and weighs seven pounds dressed when only three months old.

There are about 175 parts in a watch, and in the course of assembling a timepiece it is estimated that 2,400 operations are performed.

American cities would profit by the example of Paris which offers three gold medals each year to the designers of the prettiest houses.

Since the establishment of the republic in China and the waning of the popularity of the queue that nation is losing one of its greatest trades, the export of human hair.

By means of the crescograph, a device invented by Sir Jagadis Chandra Bose, an Indian savant, a number of London scientists have been able to watch a plant growing and study the beating of what in vegetable life corresponds to the heart of an animal.

The British food controller reports that food prices in Great Britain have reached the highest level ever recorded, exceeding largely the high prices of the war period.

The world record for distance telephoning was made by a combination of wire and wireless phones, conversation being carried on between an operator at Avalon, Santa Catalina Island, 30 miles from Los Angeles harbor and the steamer Gloucester, 200 miles off Philadelphia.

The government is running down thieves who appropriated \$500,000 worth of platinum from army ordnance stores during the war. The precious metal was stripped from delicate timing, sighting and firing instruments. A woman has been arrested.

The University of Washington is teaching the use of the old-fashioned hand loom for weaving towels, table linen, spreads, covers and dress goods.

Spruce is used in the manufacture of airplanes because of its great strength in comparison with its weight, its uniform texture and its freedom from defects.

Under a new marriage law a Swedish husband and wife may dissolve their marriage on agreement, or legal application.

Men and women who fail to vote in Czechoslovakia are sentenced to jail.

Beneath the ruins of a temple in Egypt scientists have discovered a subterranean necropolis containing thousands of mummified bodies of the sacred Ibis, each neatly packed in crumpled papyrus (ancient Egyptian manuscripts) which, say investigators, appear to consist of everything from love letters to washing bills.

A member of the Russian royal family escaped from the Bolsheviks with family heirlooms baked in a loaf of bread.

An architect has completed designs for a proposed landing field for airplanes, to be built over the roof of two of New York's largest hotels.

The Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture is experimenting with the manufacture of motor fuel from dried leaves.

George Washington made chaplains a part of the American Army. He issued a call for ministers to join the colors about the same time that he wrote his famous order against profanity in the Revolutionary Army.

A second cable from the mainland to Vancouver Island is to be laid immediately at a cost of \$350,000.

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